

Media, Pa – Tonight, Joe will present the winner of the “Delaware County Idol” contest with a \$1,000 check from the Media Theatre, and a flag that was flown over the United States Capitol. The show takes place at the Media Theatre, 104 East State Street, from 7pm-10pm and the award presentation will begin about 9:00pm — “I am much taken by art and how it expresses the beliefs and strength of a nation. American has much to be proud of in that regard, as well as does our district, where great artists such as Andrew Wyeth have given birth to so much of the great expressions of America.”

“As John F. Kennedy said, ‘I look forward to an America which will reward achievement in the arts as we reward achievement in business or statecraft. I look forward to an America which will steadily raise the standards of artistic accomplishment and which will steadily enlarge cultural opportunities for all of our citizens. And I look forward to an America which commands respect throughout the world not only for its strength but for its civilization as well.’” added Congressman Sestak.

The competition is based on the widely popular show “American Idol,” where contestants sing and viewers have the opportunity to choose the winner. The winner of this competition will be considered for a role in one of the Media Theatre’s upcoming productions and will receive \$1,000 check. The contest began in early July and runs through August and is open to contestants ranging in age from 14-24. Delaware County Idol is an outreach program for area young people who are interested in the theater and performing arts. The event is open to the public and more information about this can be found at [www.mediatheatre.com](http://www.mediatheatre.com) .

“Again, as John F. Kennedy said, ‘If art is to nourish the roots of our culture, society must set the artist free to follow his vision wherever it takes him. We must never forget that art is not a form of propaganda; it is a form of truth.’”

Press who want to cover the event should contact the theatre at 610-891-0100.

Born and raised in Delaware County, former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for 31 years and now serves as the Representative from the 7th District of Pennsylvania. He led a series of operational commands at sea, including Commander of an aircraft carrier battle group of 30 U.S. and allied ships with over 15,000 sailors and 100 aircraft that conducted operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. After 9/11, Joe was the first Director of “Deep Blue,” the Navy's

anti-terrorism unit that established strategic and operations policies for the "Global War on Terrorism." He served as President Clinton's Director for Defense Policy at the National Security Council in the White House, and holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. According to the office of the House Historian, Joe is the highest-ranking former military officer ever elected to the US Congress.